



County of Los Angeles
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ANTELOPE VALLEY *Connection*

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE • 2011



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

The County of Los Angeles is pleased to offer the 2011 edition of this vital resource guide highlighting valuable information and local updates for our Antelope Valley residents. This annual publication is written for your community to connect you to local and regional County services, arts and recreation, community organizations, and important public safety information.

The County hopes this guide is helpful to you and encourages you to save it for future reference. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact:

County of Los Angeles – Chief Executive Office
Office of Unincorporated Area Services
723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Or please e-mail your comments to: uas@ceo.lacounty.gov

Thank you!

Living in Unincorporated Antelope Valley

Los Angeles County provides municipal services such as law enforcement, firefighting, road maintenance, parks, zoning, building permits, and animal care and control.

You are represented by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors which is responsible for establishing policies and regulations that benefit you and your fellow Antelope Valley residents.

The contact information for your local field office can be found on page 2.

In addition, communities in the Antelope Valley are represented by Town Councils that consist of local residents. The Town Councils meet monthly and provide input and recommendations to your elected County officials. The list of Town Councils in the Antelope Valley is on page 2.



Your Opinion is Important!

Fill out a survey online about the Antelope Valley Connection at:
www.lacounty.gov.

Click on the **Residents** link (on the upper-center of the page next to the LACounty.gov logo) and then click on the **Unincorporated Areas** link to access the Community Connection survey.



Living In The Antelope Valley

TOWN COUNCILS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

Town councils have been established in Antelope Valley to be your local forum to voice community concerns. These organizations consist of unincorporated area residents like yourselves who volunteer their time to hear input from local residents and make recommendations to your elected County officials and County staff.

Association of Rural Town Councils

P.O. Box 358 • Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Meetings:

Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
North County Training Center (Fire Station 129)
42110 N. 6th Street West, Lancaster

Acton

P.O. Box 810 • Acton, CA 93510

www.cityofacton.org/council.htm

Public Meetings:

1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Acton Community Center – 3748 Nickels St.



Antelope Acres

8812 West Avenue E-8
Antelope Acres, CA 93536

Public Meetings:

3rd Wednesday of the month
at 6:00 p.m.
Antelope Acres Community Center
8812 West Avenue E-8

Fairmont

P.O. Box 6335 • Lancaster, CA 93539

Public Meetings:

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Wee Vill Market - 18348 West Avenue D, Lancaster

Green Valley

15444 Spunky Canyon Rd. P.M.B. 846 • Green Valley, CA 91390

Public Meetings:

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Green Valley Community Center – 39118 Calle Bonita

Juniper Hills

P.O. Box 633 • Littlerock, CA 93543

www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhtc

Public Meetings:

1st Wednesday of even months at 7:00 p.m.
Juniper Hills Community Center – 31401 106th St. E

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Los Angeles County is here to serve you!

The Board of Supervisors designates deputies to represent your community. The Antelope Valley is part of the County's **Fifth Supervisorial District**.

Your local Field Deputy can be contacted at:

Antelope Valley Field Office

1113 West Avenue M-4, Suite A • Palmdale, CA 93551

(661) 726-3600

Lake Los Angeles

P.O. Box 500012 • Lake Los Angeles, CA 93550-0012

Public Meetings:

4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Vista San Gabriel Elementary School - 18020 East Ave. O

Lakes

P.O. Box 784 • Lake Hughes, CA 93532

Public Meetings:

1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m.
Lake Hughes Community Ctr. - 17520 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

Leona Valley

P.O. Box 795 • Leona Valley, CA 93551

<http://leonavalleytowncouncil.org>

Public Meetings:

2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Leona Valley Community Ctr - 8367 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

Littlerock

P.O. Box 190 • Littlerock, CA 93543

www.littlerock-ca.us

Public Meetings:

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Alpine Grange Hall - 8650 East Avenue T-8

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26803 W. Avenue C-15 • Lancaster, CA 93536

Public Meetings:

For meeting information, please call Town Council President,
Richard Skaggs at **(661) 724-0086**.

Quartz Hill

42263 50th Street West, #726 • Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Public Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the month
at 6:30 p.m.
Lane Park Community Room
5520 West Avenue L-8



Living In The Antelope Valley



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Roosevelt (including Redman and Hi Vista)
48157 70th Street East • Lancaster, CA 93535

Public Meetings:

For meeting information, please check for notices in the Antelope Valley Press or call Town Council President, Barbara Firsick at **(661) 946-1323**.

Sun Village

P.O. Box 466 • Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Meetings:

4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
The Shaw Building - 9657 East Avenue Q-10, Sun Village

Three Points/Liebre Mountain

P.O. Box 617 • Lake Hughes, CA 93532

Public Meetings:

2nd Saturday of odd months at 9:30 a.m.
For meeting information, please check for notices in the Antelope Valley Press or call Chris Wangsgard at **(661) 724-7871**.



Did you know that you can dial **2-1-1** to access information for emergency food and

shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other health and human services resources?

As a resident of the Antelope Valley, you can just simply dial **2-1-1** to access an array of municipal services, including code enforcement at *no cost to you*. The **2-1-1** information service is provided in many languages. **2-1-1** is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is *confidential*.

If you are unable to access **2-1-1** directly, please call **(800) 339-6993** or visit the **2-1-1** LA County website at www.211LA.org.

NOTE: In case of an emergency, you still must dial **9-1-1**.

ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Acton

P.O. Box 81 • Acton, CA 93510

Telephone: **(661) 269-5785**

Fax: (661) 269-4121

www.actoncoc.org

Antelope Valley (Lancaster)

554 West Lancaster Boulevard • Lancaster, CA 93534

Telephone: **(661) 948-4518** • Fax: (661) 949-1212

www.avchambers.com

AV Black Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 8805 • Lancaster, CA 93539

Telephone: **(661) 946-8780**

www.avbcc.org

AV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

819 East Avenue Q-9 • Palmdale, CA 93550

Telephone: **(661) 538-0607** • Fax: (661) 538-1057

www.avhcc.org

Lake Los Angeles

P.O. Box 500071 • Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

Telephone: **(661) 264-1121**

Littlerock

P.O. Box 326 • Littlerock, CA 93543

Telephone: **(661) 944-6990**

www.littlerock-ca.us

Palmdale

817 East Avenue Q-9 • Palmdale, CA 93550

Telephone: **(661) 273-3232** • Fax: (661) 273-8508

www.palmdalechamber.org

Pearblossom

P.O. Box 591 • Pearblossom, CA 93553

Telephone: **(661) 944-1201**

Quartz Hill

42043 50th Street West • Quartz Hill, CA 93536

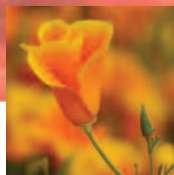
Telephone: **(661) 722-4811** • Fax: (661) 722-5935

www.qhchamber.org

Sun Village

P.O. Box 151 • Sun Village, CA 93543

Telephone: **(661) 274-4481**



Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

JACKIE ROBINSON PARK

8773 East Avenue R • Littlerock, CA 93543

(661) 944-2880

Gymnasium: **(661) 944-6603**

Fax: **(661) 944-0413**

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dedicated in 1965 and named after baseball great Jackie Robinson, this 9.24-acre park is host to an annual Juneteenth (Emancipation Day) celebration that attracts thousands of community members, USA Amateur Boxing events, and many other special events and programs. Amenities include a community building, gymnasium, workout room, computer lab, multi-purpose classrooms, a kitchen, and a new outdoor fitness zone containing state-of-the-art exercise equipment.



PARK HEROES

Two outstanding Antelope Valley residents were honored this past year with Park Hero Awards – **Moses Primus** (pictured), a 13-year volunteer at Jackie Robinson Park and the late **Karen Wilson**, Recreation Services Supervisor, also from Jackie Robinson Park. These coveted awards are given annually by the People for Parks, L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation, and the City of L.A. Department of Recreation and Parks for outstanding contributions to the city or county parks.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

After School Adventure Camp

Monday - Friday

September 2011 - June 2012

Fee: \$10/year

6-15 years

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

After School Snack Program

Monday - Friday

September 2011 - June 2012

Fee: No Charge

18 years and under

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BKF Kenpo Karate Class

5 years and up

Tuesdays & Fridays

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$20/month

Uniform and belts not included



Boxing (Boys and Girls)

8-18 years

Monday - Friday

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$10/month



Summer Day Camp

Mondays - Fridays

June 6, 2011 - August 5, 2011

Fee: \$50/week

5-12 years

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Summer Lunch Program

Monday - Friday

July 2011 - August 2011

Fee: No Charge

18 years and under

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Summer Snack Program

Monday - Friday

July 2011 - August 2011

Fee: No Charge

18 years and under

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Toy Loan Program

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Year Round • Fee: No charge

5-12 years

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Youth Co-ed Basketball Conditioning Camp

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

July 6, 2011 - August 1, 2011

Fee: \$80/session

5-15 years

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Youth Activity League

5th-12th graders can sign up for youth sports, field trips, and other activities.

Call Deputy Oates at the Park for more information.

For additional programs, please call the Park.

Antelope Valley's Local County Parks



JACKIE ROBINSON PARK (continued)

YOUTH PROGRAMS (CONT.)

Youth Co-ed Soccer League 5-15 years
Monday - Friday (one practice per week) &
Saturdays (game) Times TBA
July 2011 - September 2011 (10-game season)
Parents Meeting - 5/18/11, opening game day 7/9/11
Fee: \$50/child

Youth Co-ed Winter Basketball League 5-15 years
Monday - Friday (one practice per week) &
Saturdays (game) Times TBA
January 2012 - March 2012
Parents Meeting - 11/3/11
Fee: \$50/child

ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

All-Purpose Fitness and Exercise Class
17 years and up
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Year Round • Fee: No charge

Boxing 18-38 years
Monday - Friday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: \$10/month

Fitness Workout Room All ages
Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: \$10/month

Senior Lunch 60 years and up
Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$2/Seniors and \$5/non-Seniors



Sun Village Jolly Seniors 55 years and up
1st Tuesday of the month 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
September 2011 - June 2012
Fee: No charge

SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age	Date	Time	Fees
Juneteenth Celebration and Tailgate Party	All Ages	Friday - Sunday, June 17-19, 2011	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Fri-Sat) 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Sun)	Donations Welcome
3-on-3 Co-ed Adult Basketball Tourney	16 years and up	Saturday, July 30, 2011	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	\$20/team
Gospel Feast	All Ages	Sunday, September 11, 2011	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Donations Welcome
Christmas Toy Give Away	Infant - 14 years	Saturday, December 17, 2011	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	No Charge
Bunny Mania Extravaganza	2 - 12 years	Sunday, April 22, 2012	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	No Charge

Please note program and event dates, times, and fees may be subject to change. Please call the Park to confirm.



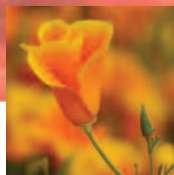
GEORGE LANE PARK POOL CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

The George Lane Park Pool will be closed during the summer of 2011 for renovations which include replacement of all mechanical equipment, replacement of the pool deck, and extensive renovations and ADA improvements to the pool and bathhouse. It will re-open in June 2012. For more information, please call George Lane Park or the North Agency Aquatics Office at **(661) 294-3533**.

AWARD-WINNING COOKING PROGRAM FOR KIDS!

The award-winning Antelope Valley Kid's Healthy Cook-off invites children and their families to County parks for intensive lessons in planning and preparing healthy meals and snacks, in food safety, and in the benefits of exercise. Participants receive expert advice from professional dieticians, chefs, and public health workers, as well as information about park exercise programs. Kids can compete in healthy cooking contests at one of four participating County parks: George Lane, Jackie Robinson, Pearblossom, and Stephen Sorensen. Local winners go on to compete with each other in the final Healthy Cook-off. Check with your local park for more information or call **(661) 294-2384**.





Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

GEORGE LANE PARK

5520 West Avenue L-8 • Quartz Hill, CA 93536

(661) 722-7780

Gymnasium: **(661) 943-7181**

Pool: **(661) 943-2000**

Fax: **(661) 718-0957**

Hours:

Monday - Friday:

9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday:

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This 15-acre park, dedicated in 1961 and named after local farmer and hauler, George Lane, includes a community building, picnic areas, gymnasium, and swimming pool. A Memorial Wall, dedicated on 9/11/06, honors police, fire fighters, and those who serve in the military.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

After School Program

5-13 years

Monday - Friday

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

September 2011 - June 2012

Fee: \$50/month

BKF Kenpo Karate Class

5-17 years

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$20/month

Uniform and belts not included

For information, contact Mr. Jones at **(661) 878-0729**.

Culinary Arts

6-16 years

Fridays

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

September 2011 - November 2011 or March 2012 - May 2012

Fee: \$50/eight week session

Guerra Fencing Studio

6-18 years

Fridays

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$60/month

Mommy, Daddy and Me

18 months-3 years

(Mrs. Hammond)

Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: Call Mrs. Hammond at **(661) 943-3308**.

Pre-Kindergarten (Mrs. King)

4-5 years

Wednesdays & Fridays

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$185/11-week session

For information, call Mrs. King at **(661) 206-5081**.

Pre-School (Mrs. Burruso)

3-4 years

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$185/11-week session

For information, call Mrs. Burruso at **(661) 943-8789**.

Summer Day Camp

5-13 years

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 2011 - August 2011

Dates TBA

Fee: \$55/week

Extended Day Camp

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20/week

Young Champions Self-Defense Class

5-15 years

Thursdays

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$90/three month session

Youth Coed Summer Basketball Camp

5-18 years

Monday - Friday

Dates and times TBA

June 2011 - August 2011 • Fee: \$35/season

Youth Coed (Clippers)

Winter Basketball League

5-18 years

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays

November 2011 - April 2012

Dates and times TBA

Fee: \$70/season

(Los Angeles Clippers game included during the season)

Youth Coed Wrestling

4-17 years

Fridays

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Year Round • Fee: \$30/month

For additional programs, please call the Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age	Date	Time	Fees
September 11 th Remembrance	All Ages	Sunday, September 11, 2011	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	No Charge
Halloween Carnival (Tentative)	12 and under	Saturday, October 29, 2011 (Please call park to confirm event)	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	No Charge
Santa Toy Give-Away	12 and under	Saturday, December 24, 2011	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	No Charge
Black History Month Celebration	All Ages	February 2012, Date TBA	Time TBA	No Charge
Almond Blossom Festival	All Ages	March 2012, Date TBA	Time TBA	No Charge

Please note program and event dates, times, and fees may be subject to change. Please call the Park to confirm.

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PEARBLOSSOM PARK

33922 North 121st Street East • Pearblossom, CA 93553
(661) 944-2988 • Fax: (661) 944-1029

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Amenities at the park include a small community room, outdoor basketball court, lighted softball diamond, children's play area with a climbing rock, and a patio with an outdoor stage.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

ABC Pre-School

3-5 years
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday
August 2011 - June 2012
Dates TBA • Fee: No charge

Holiday Camp

Monday - Friday
December 2011 and January 2012
Fee: \$30/week

Kreative Korner

Monday - Thursday
August 2011 - June 2012
Fee: \$30/month

Summer Day Camp

Monday - Friday
June 6, 2011 - August 5, 2011
Fee: \$35/week

Day Camp Extended Care
Fee: \$ 20/week

Summer Lunch Program

Monday - Friday
July 2011 - August 2011
Fee: No charge

5-12 years
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dates TBA

3-5 years
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5-12 years
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

18 years and under
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dates TBA

Teen Scene 13-18 years

Mondays, Wednesdays,
& Fridays
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: No charge



Tiny Tots Co-ed Soccer

Dates TBA
August 2011 - November 2011
Fee: \$55/season

3-5 years
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Toy Loan

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Year Round • Fee: No charge

5-12 years
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Fitness Group

Monday - Thursday
Fridays
Year Round • Fee: \$5/month

All ages
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

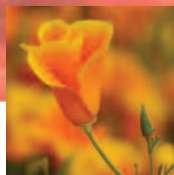
For additional programs, please call the Park.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age	Date	Time	Fees
Halloween Haunt	3 -16 years	Saturday, October 29, 2011	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	No Charge
Toy Give-Away	14 years and under	Saturday, December 17, 2011	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	No Charge
Black History Month Celebration	All Ages	February 2012, Date TBA	Time TBA	No Charge
Easter Egg-Stravaganza	14 years and under	April 2012, Date TBA	Time TBA	No Charge

Please note program and event dates, times, and fees may be subject to change. Please call the Park to confirm.



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STEPHEN SORENSEN PARK

16801 East Avenue P • Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

(661) 264-1249 • Fax: (661) 264-9827

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

After School Program

Sept 2011 - June 2012 • Mon-Fri 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35/school year

After School Snack Program

Sept 2011 - June 2012 • Mon-Fri 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fee: No charge

Cheerleading

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: \$30/16-week session

Parents Night Out

1st & 3rd Fridays of the month 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: \$5/child

Summer Day Camp

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
June 1, 2011 - August 11, 2011
Fee: \$40/week

Summer Lunch Program

Monday - Friday 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
July 2011 - August 2011, Dates TBA
Fee: No charge

Toddler Camp

Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: \$50/16-week session

Toy Loan Program

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: No charge

STEPHEN SORENSEN COUNTY PARK'S NEW GYMNASIUM AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Stephen Sorensen County Park Phase III Gymnasium and Community Building project consists of a new 14,100-square-foot gymnasium and community building that integrates sustainable green design features into the architecture and site improvements. Features include a multipurpose room; classroom; lobby area; restrooms; kitchen; and storage, custodial and utility rooms. The project also includes construction of a new parking lot and construction of various site improvements, including new walkways, security lighting, and landscaping and irrigation. Construction will begin in early 2011 and tentative completion will be in 2013.

A temporary facility has been installed in support of park programming; however, programs and events may be impacted by construction, so please contact the Park for more information.

Winter Holiday Camp

December 2011 - January 2012 • Monday - Friday
Dates TBA, no camp 12/25 & 1/1

1st Session: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
2nd Session: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25/week per session
(discount for multiple-child families)
\$40 for both sessions

Youth Coed Softball

Saturdays - Dates TBA 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45/child (discount for multiple-child families)

Youth Coed Winter Basketball

Dates and times TBA
Fee: \$45/child (discount for multiple-child families)

ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

Adult Coed Spring Softball

18 years and up
Dates and times TBA Minimum of 10 games plus playoffs
Limited space available.
League Fee: \$330/team due at Managers Meeting
(Late Fee \$25)
Umpire Fee: \$10/team per game

Adult Coed Winter Softball

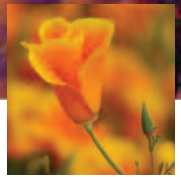
18 years and up
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
October 2011 - February 2012, Dates TBA
League Fee: \$330/team
Umpire Fee: \$10/team per game

Lights, Camera, Action! Movie Night

All ages
4th Friday of the month 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Year Round • Fee: \$2/family per night

For additional programs, please call the Park.

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STEPHEN SORENSEN PARK *(continued)*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age	Date	Time	Fees
Animal Vaccination Day	All Ages	Saturday, June 2011, Date TBA	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	\$5/vaccination
White Elephant Sale	All Ages	Saturday, August 20, 2011	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	\$15/space rental
Battle of the Bands	All Ages	Saturday, August 20, 2011	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	\$20/band registration
Patriotic Day (Fallen soldiers candle-lighting ceremony)	All Ages	Saturday, September 10, 2011	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	No charge
Lake LA Days	All Ages	Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9, 2011	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No charge
Trunk or Treat & Haunted House	18 years and under	Saturday, October 29, 2011	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No charge
Thanksgiving Turkey Toss	6-14 years	Saturday, November 19, 2011	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	No charge
Visit with Santa	17 years and under	Saturday, December 17, 2011	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Pictures \$5
Tree Lighting (Lake LA Chamber of Commerce)	All Ages	Saturday, December 17, 2011	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	No charge
Healthy Parks Day and 3-Day Carnival	All Ages	Friday (Healthy Parks Day) Fri-Sun (Carnival) April 2012, Dates TBA	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	No charge
Easter Egg Hunt	All Ages	Saturday, April 7, 2012	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	No charge
Arbor Day	All Ages	Saturday, April 28, 2012	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	No charge

Please note program and event dates, times, and fees may be subject to change. Please call the Park to confirm.

ACTON PARK

3751 Syracuse Avenue • Acton, CA 93510

(661) 294-3500

(North Agency
Headquarters)

Hours:

Daily, sunrise to sunset

Amenities include picnic tables, restrooms, a gazebo, turf areas, playground, a basketball court, and two ball fields. This past year, shade structures were added to playground equipment, trees planted along the perimeter of the park, and outdoor fitness equipment installed. For information on any seasonal activities, please call **(661) 722-7780**.



Summer Day Camp

Monday - Friday
June 27, 2011 - September 2, 2011
Fee: \$45/week

5-13 years
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

APOLLO PARK

4555 West Avenue G • Lancaster, CA 93534

(661) 940-7701 or
(661) 294-3500

Hours:

Daily, sunrise to sunset.
The park is closed one week prior to Fishing Derby events.



Amenities include picnic areas, a bike path, restrooms, three playgrounds and a stocked lake. A fishing license is required for anyone 16 years and older.

Fall Adult Fishing Derby

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Fishing license required
Call for fees

16 years and up

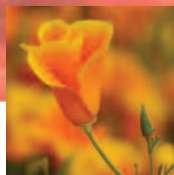
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Spring Adult Fishing Derby

Saturday, March 3, 2012
Fishing license required
Call for fees

16 years and up

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

EVERETT MARTIN PARK

35548 N. 92nd St. East • Littlerock, CA 93543
For information, call Jackie Robinson Park
at **(661) 944-2880**

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Littlerock Fall Festival

All Ages

October 2011, Date and Time TBA

Fee: No charge

Amenities include three play areas, a newly-surfaced basketball court, a picnic area, comfort stations, and security lighting. Shade structures have recently been completed over playground equipment, and a new picnic shelter with tables and braziers has been installed.

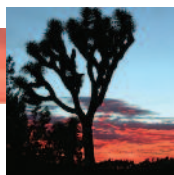


EVERETT MARTIN PARK POOL

(661) 944-1449

The Everett Martin Park Pool is scheduled to re-open on June 25, 2011. In 2010, major renovations were completed including replacement of all mechanical equipment, a new perimeter fence, replacement of the pool deck, and extensive renovations and ADA improvements to the pool and bathhouse. For more information, please call the pool or the North Agency Aquatics Office at **(661) 294-3533**.

PROGRAM	AGE	DATE	TIME	FEES
Dive Team	7 - 17 years	Monday - Friday	12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	No Charge
Family Night	All Ages	1st three Saturdays of the month	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No Charge
Lap Swim	18 years and up	Monday - Friday	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	\$25/month or \$7/week
Recreational Swimming	All Ages Children 7 years and under must be accompanied by a parent	Daily	12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	No Charge
Swim Lessons	All Ages	Monday - Friday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (50-minute classes)	\$20/two week session (10 classes)
Swim Team	7 - 17 years	Monday - Friday	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	No Charge
Teen Night	13 - 18 years	4th Saturday of the month	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No Charge



Recreational Opportunities

Ride the Antelope Valley Summer Beach Bus to Santa Monica



The Antelope Valley Summer Beach Bus runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from (and including) May 30 (Memorial Day) through September 5 (Labor Day).

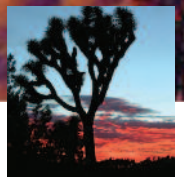
Beach Bus Stop Locations:

Departs	Returns
Lancaster City Park 8:40 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
Palmdale Transportation Center 9:00 a.m.	5:25 p.m.

The bus arrives at Santa Monica Beach around 10:45 a.m. (depending on traffic), and departs at 3:30 p.m. The round-trip fare is \$6 for adults and children and \$2 for senior citizens (60+) and persons with disabilities. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call **(888) 769-1122** or visit www.LAGoBus.info.

Recreational Opportunities



DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL NATURAL AREA AND NATURE CENTER

28000 Devil's Punchbowl Road • Pearblossom, CA 93553
(661) 944-2743 • Fax: (661) 944-6924
www.devils-punchbowl.com

Park Hours:

Daily, sunrise to sunset. Closed Christmas Day.

Nature Center Hours:

Tuesday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed December 25 and Mondays, except selected holidays

The Punchbowl consists of 1,310 acres of rugged wilderness and rock formations that include the "Devil's Chair," a 250 foot drop-off, and great panoramic views, that require a 7.5 mile round trip hike. The Nature Center has many live and static displays and naturalists are on duty to answer questions about the Devil's Punchbowl and its wildlife.

PARK PROGRAMS

Full Moon Hikes

All Ages

Saturdays of a full moon (Year Round) 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m.
Call Park for information.
Fee: No Charge

Meteor Shower Programs

All Ages

Dates TBD 9:00 p.m.
Lectures about the various types of meteor showers: Perseids, Orionids, Leonids, and Geminids.
Fee: No Charge

Parties in Nature

Come join in the fun and have a Party in Nature. For more information, call the park office.
Fee: No Charge.

San Andreas Fault Tour

All Ages

Sundays 1:00 p.m.
A guided tour of the local section of the San Andreas Fault. There will be a caravan to the fault from the Nature Center. The historical aspects of the fault, predictions of future earthquakes, and the general geology of California will be covered in an informal discussion format.
Fee: No Charge

School Field Trips

Call the park office to schedule guided field trips of the Nature Center and natural history of the park.
Fee: No Charge

Telescope Programs

All Ages

Saturdays, Dates TBA Times TBA
An evening of night sky viewing with a 11" telescope to see planets, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies and more.
Fee: No Charge

VASQUEZ ROCKS NATURAL AREA AND NATURE CENTER

10700 West Escondido Canyon Road • Agua Dulce, CA 91390
(661) 268-0840 • Fax: (661) 268-1343

Natural Area Hours:

May 1 - September 30: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
October 1 - April 30: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed on December 25.

This 932-acre park located in the high desert near Agua Dulce Springs features spectacular rock formations, Tataviam Indian sites, and a seasonal stream. The park is also a popular hiking, picnicking, and equestrian area. The rocks' history began in prehistoric times when the sandstone rocks were uplifted at a picturesque angle, showing their jagged red features. Vasquez has been a popular filming location used as the setting for scenes in many movies, television shows, and commercials such as the "The Lone Ranger", "Zorro", "Little Miss Sunshine", "Bonanza", "Blazing Saddles", "Star Trek", "24", "The Six Million Dollar Man", "MacGyver", "Austin Powers", "Star Trek", "Numbers" and "The Flintstones Movie".

Vasquez Rocks Nature Center Update

The Vasquez Rocks Interpretive Center will consist of a 3,700 square foot, LEED Platinum building which includes an exhibit area for local geology, local area and Native American history, flora and fauna, live animal exhibits, and filming history. The building will also have a small classroom, restrooms, an office, storage area, and parking lot. Completion of the building is currently scheduled for mid-to-late 2012.

PARK PROGRAMS

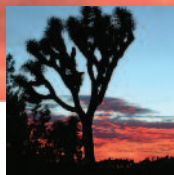
Birds of Prey Presentation (Weather Permitting) *All ages*

1st Sunday of each month 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
except July, August, and September
Fee: No Charge

Ranger Guided Hikes (Weather Permitting) *All ages*

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month
except July, August, and September 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fee: No Charge





Recreational Opportunities

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY



Admission:

Members	FREE
Adults	\$12
Seniors (62+)	\$9
Students (w/ ID)	\$9
Children (age 13-17)	\$8
Children (age 5-12)	\$5
Children (under 5)	Free
FREE on the first Tuesday of every month.	

900 Exposition Boulevard • Los Angeles, CA 90007

(213) 763-DINO

www.nhm.org

Hours:

Monday - Sunday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed New Year's, Independence, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Days.



New "Dinosaur Hall" opening in Summer 2011!

This summer, the much-anticipated new Dinosaur Hall at the Museum opens to the public! The large-scale permanent exhibition will rival the world's leading dinosaur experiences with its sheer volume of individual fossils displayed; the size and extraordinariness of the major mounts, including the world's only Tyrannosaurus Rex growth series (a baby, juvenile, and adult); and the transparent treatment of the science that surrounds these creatures — not as static, definitive knowledge but as a vibrant, ongoing investigation of mysteries solved and still unsolved.

The exhibition features over 300 fossils, 20 fully articulated skeletons, physical and digital interactives, and video. In addition to the T. Rex series, the exhibition's standouts include an imposing, never-before mounted Triceratops, the Mamenchisaurus with its 68-foot long neck, and giant reptiles that lived in the oceans covering what is today California.

The Dinosaur Hall displays bring visitors closer than ever, allowing multiple vantage points, from above and below as well as alongside the specimens. Innovative platforms for the major specimens allow provide rare opportunities for up-close looks at the fossils. California environmental history will open in Spring 2012.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATURAL HISTORY FAMILY OF MUSEUMS TODAY!

All members receive great benefits including:

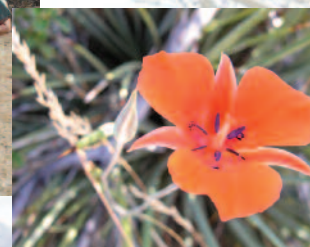
1) **FREE** admission to three world-class museums - Natural History Museum, Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, and the William S. Hart Museum in Newhall, 2) Free tickets to First Fridays, and special exhibits such as Spider Pavilion and Pavilion of Wings, 3) Member-only events and exhibit opening preview days, 4) Free subscription to member publications, 5) Discounts on classes, camps, and field trips, and at the Museum Store! Visit www.nhm.org/site/join-us/membership for more information.

Los Angeles County High Desert Wildlife and Wildflower Sanctuaries

(661) 944-2743

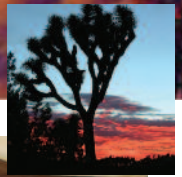
www.wildflowers.devils-punchbowl.com

The LA County Wildlife and Wildflower Sanctuaries contain some of the finest wilderness recreation opportunities available. Each has its own unique terrain and resources, from wildflower photography to bird watching. In the spring, carpets of wildflowers spread across the sanctuaries. Over one hundred species of plants have been identified in the sanctuaries. The wildlife and wildflower sanctuaries are natural areas with no facilities or established trails so come prepared if you plan to spend some time. For a map of locations and more information, visit www.wildflowers.devils-punchbowl.com.



Photos by Jack Farley

Recreational Opportunities



WILLIAM S. HART PARK AND MUSEUM

24151 Newhall Avenue • Newhall, CA 91321

(661) 259-0855

www.hartmuseum.org

The William S. Hart Museum, a satellite of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, offers FREE guided tours year round and special events such as Music in the Mansion concerts and silent film screenings. For more information on tours and special events, please call **(661) 254-4584** or visit www.hartmuseum.org.



WILLIAM S. HART MUSEUM REOPENS

Through collaboration between the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Hart Museum's mansion reopened on December 22, 2010 after having capital improvements made to better protect the building and artifacts housed inside. Visit the Hart Museum's collection of Western artwork, Native American artifacts, film props and memorabilia, as well as Hart's personal furnishings. The Museum is decorated in its traditional holiday splendor during the winter season and is a wonderful time to bring out of town family and friends. Guests are also welcome to picnic on the Park grounds, feed animals in the Animal Barnyard, see the herd of American Bison, and experience local history at Heritage Junction.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Silents Under the Stars

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Times and Fees TBA

Silent auction, dinner, tours and the showing of one of William S. Hart's films are part of this special event.

Pow Wow

Saturday, September 24 & Sunday, September 25, 2011

A taste of Native American cultures with dances, drumming, singing, crafts, and food.

Bow Wows and Meows

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Pet adoption fair; with booths and exhibitions on caring for pets and offering pets and their humans tasty treats.

Pumpkin Festival

Saturday,

October 22, 2011

Featuring a pumpkin Carving Contest, music, and festivities.



Cowboys and Carols

Saturday, December 3, 2011, Times and Fees TBA

A celebration of Bill Hart's birthday at the festively decorated mansion with a concert and tour of the historic home.

Please call **(661) 259-1750** for more information on these and other upcoming events.

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY...STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING!

The Illegal dumping remains a problem in the Antelope Valley. Some of the major negative impacts of illegal dumping include:

- Creates a community eyesore
- Costs taxpayers millions of dollars in clean-up costs
- Decreases neighborhood property values
- Poses safety hazards to people, especially children
- Provides a breeding ground for disease carrying rodents, insects, and other vermin
- Disrupts natural land and water processes and ruins wildlife habitat, impacting plants and wildlife
- Pollutes surface and ground water

If you witness illegal dumping, report it immediately by calling the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at **(661) 267-4300**. Illegal dumping locations can be reported by calling **(888) 8DUMPING** or visiting www.stopillegaldumping.com.



Public Safety

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Lancaster Station
 501 West Lancaster Blvd.
 Lancaster, CA 93534
 (661) 948-8466

Palmdale Station
 750 East Avenue Q
 Palmdale, CA 93550
 (661) 272-2400

www.lasd.org



EQUESTRIAN CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS

"Equestrian Volunteers on Patrol" are a ready resource available to assist individual stations and mounted units by patrolling on horseback. The Volunteers may be used to assist mounted units, as needed in such functions as traffic control and large-scale searches. Volunteers participate in on-going training with their horses to improve their riding skills. The use of equestrian volunteers allows for a rapid increase in staff strength and provides the community with added protection by providing extra "eyes and ears." For more information, please call your local station.



HORSES RESCUED FROM STARVATION ARE TRAINING TO BECOME DEPUTIES

Sergeant John Hargraves, a 30-year veteran with the Department, has always had a love for horses. He is the supervisor for the Mounted Enforcement Detail (MED) of the Department's Parks Bureau and his current horse is old and retiring from active service on mounted patrol. During Hargraves's search for replacement horses, he discovered several horses that had been seized by County Department of Animal Care and Control officers in recent months because they were being starved.

Hargraves found two suitable horses, a thoroughbred mare and a Palomino gelding at equine shelters in Lancaster and Castaic. The mare was a former race horse found starving to death on a ranch and the Palomino was abandoned, starved, and got stuck under a fence. However, both horses responded well to cues to walk, trot, back, and turn on their front and hind legs. Hargraves said, "These two horses have been well-trained, are trusting, and willing to obey cues. How someone could leave them to slowly starve to death is beyond comprehension."

He determined it would be worth the effort to help bring these two abandoned animals back to health and train them for mounted enforcement work. He will work with a trainer for their basic training, and then assist them through the MED training and certification. Horses are an important part of the Department's "Great Tradition of Service Since 1850". MED horses are deputized before being deployed in an official capacity, and an assault on a deputized horse, like an assault on a human deputy, carries unique additional criminal penalties.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

The annual National Night Out event brings Antelope Valley residents together and encourages the community to stand against crime.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE STATIONS Serving the Antelope Valley

fire.lacounty.gov

For emergencies, **CALL 9-1-1**

Non-emergency Antelope Valley assistance: **(661) 948-2631**



Fire Station 24

100 West Rancho Vista Boulevard
Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 273-2724

**Fire Station 33 –
Battalion 11 Headquarters**
44947 Date Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 948-1180

Fire Station 37

38318 9th Street East
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 947-7244

Fire Station 77

46833 Peace Valley Road
Gorman, CA 93243
(661) 248-5284

Fire Station 78

17021 Elizabeth Lake Road
Lake Hughes, CA 95330
(661) 724-1311

Fire Station 79

33957 Longview Road
Pearblossom, CA 93553
(661) 944-1260

Fire Station 80

1533 West Sierra Highway
Acton, CA 93510
(661) 269-1919

Fire Station 81

8710 West Sierra Highway
Agua Dulce, CA 91350
(661) 268-0638

Fire Station 84

5030 West Avenue L-14
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
(661) 943-3211

Fire Station 92

8905 East Avenue U
Littlerock, CA 93543
(661) 944-2123

Fire Station 93 – Battalion 17 Headquarters

5624 East Avenue R
Palmdale, CA 93552
(661) 533-8096

Fire Station 112

8812 West Avenue E-8
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 948-2401

Fire Station 114

39939 North 170th
Street East
Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591
(661) 264-4583

Fire Station 117

44851 30th Street East
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 946-0471

Fire Station 129

42110 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 940-7700

Fire Station 130

44558 40th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 945-5788

Fire Station 131

2629 East Avenue S
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 947-8700

Fire Station 134

43225 North 25th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 723-8546

Fire Station 135

1846 East Avenue K-4
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 726-0732

Fire Station 136

3650 Bolz Ranch Road
Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 267-7893

Fire Station 140

8723 Elizabeth Lake Rd
Leona Valley, CA 93551
(661) 270-1585

Fire Station 157

15921 Spunky Canyon Road
Green Valley, CA 91390
(661) 724-1311



Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program trains residents to provide for themselves and others during a major emergency when help may be far away. Trained CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following a disaster, and will have the tools needed to help save lives, protect property, and not become a victim in an emergency.

Eighty CERT members participated in the largest hands-on exercise ever held in the Antelope Valley on March 20, 2010. "The main goal – to make citizens aware of how to take care of themselves, their families and neighbors after a disaster – was accomplished," said Fire Captain Scott Polgar, who conducted the morning safety briefing and outlined the drills sequence of events.

For more information on the CERT Program, call **(661) 948-3785** or visit <http://fire.lacounty.gov/ProgramsEvents/PECERT.asp>.





Public Safety

Division 5 Receives Smoke Detectors from Lancaster Rotary



Fire Division 5, which includes the Antelope Valley, received a donation of nearly 800 smoke detectors and one thousand 9-volt batteries from the Lancaster West Rotary Club. The idea for this donation began when several local Rotarians attended Fire Captain Scott Polgar's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class in Lancaster. Club members decided to support this project to help make their community residents safer. Since that class, the club has provided funding to assist the Antelope Valley CERTs to purchase disaster preparedness supplies.

Lancaster West Club President Gus Camacho was pleased to direct funds to the smoke detector effort and several other businessmen donated money to help purchase the smoke detectors and batteries. Local businesses like Lowes and Wal-Mart contributed to this community outreach with discounts on the detectors and batteries. Division 5 personnel will be reaching out to mobile home park residents in Battalions 11 and 17 by hosting fire safety and educational awareness classes, and giving away the smoke detectors or batteries to those in need.

According to Captain Polgar, without the Department's involvement in the Antelope Valley communities through the CERT Program, none of this would have happened. It was a true testament to hometown attentiveness!

Visit Your Local Fire Station in May for LA County Fire Service Day!

Every May, the LA County Fire Department hosts "Fire Service Day." All County fire stations host an open house, and the public is invited to learn more about the services provided by the Department. For the location of the annual regional Fire Service Day event, please contact the Department's Public Affairs Section at **(323) 881-2411** or visit the Department's website at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov>.

Create Defensible Space Around Your Home

Visit <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/SafetyPreparedness/BrushClearance.asp> for more information.



**County of Los Angeles
Department of Agricultural
Commissioner/Weights
and Measures**

Weed and Brush CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT! Thinning or removal of vegetation an additional 70 to 130 feet (100 to 200 feet total) from structures may be required! Please contact your Zone Inspector! (626) 575-5484 <http://acwm.lacounty.gov> Grass and other vegetation located more than 30 feet from structures and less than 18 inches in height may be maintained where necessary to stabilize soil and prevent erosion. (County Code sec. 325.2.1 EXCEPTIONS (3))

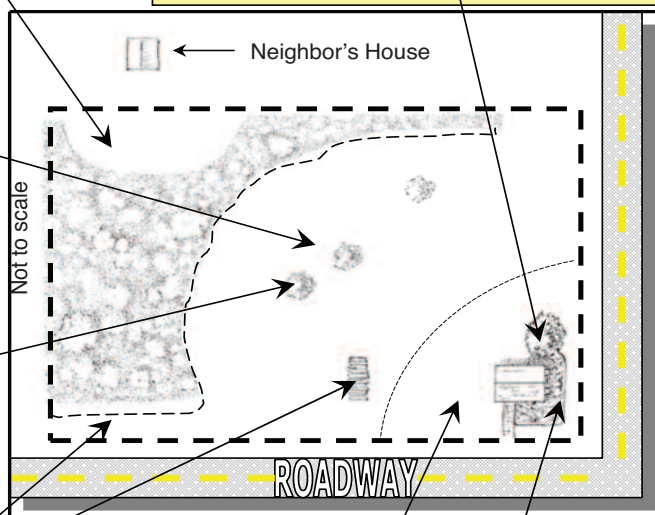
Space trees and shrubs a minimum of 15 feet or three times their diameter from other shrubs. Trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity. For trees taller than 18 feet, prune lower branches within 6 feet of the ground. For trees and shrubs less than 18 feet, prune lower branches to 1/3 of their height. Choose landscaping plants that are fire resistant and maintain all plants regularly removing dead branches, leaves, etc. (Go to <http://fire.lacounty.gov/FromChief.asp> and scroll down the page and click on the link on the left entitled "Ready! Set! Go! Wildfire Action Plan".)

Roadway clearance, minimum of 10 feet clearance for all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth. (County Code sec. 325.10)

Firewood, manure, compost or other combustible materials must be placed or stored a minimum of 30 feet from any building or structure. (County Code sec. 325.2.1 (1))

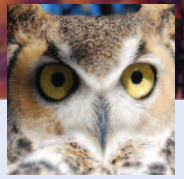
IMPORTANT! Clearance requirements apply to your property even if the structure being protected is not on your property!

Okay to have ornamental plants and trees if individually planted, spaced and maintained so they do not form a means of transmitting fire from native growth to the structure. No portion of a tree may extend within 10 feet of the outlet of a chimney and it must be free of dead wood. (County Code sec. 325.2.1 EXCEPTIONS (1))



Remove/clear away all flammable vegetation or combustible growth for a distance of not less than 30 feet from any structure. This includes ornamental plants known to be flammable. (County Code sec. 325.2.1 (2))
NATIVE PLANTS CAN BE FLAMMABLE EVEN IF GREEN!

Okay to have cultivated ground cover provided they are maintained in a condition that does not form a means of transmitting fire from native growth to the structure. (County Code sec. 325.2.1 EXCEPTIONS (2))



THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S (DA) OFFICE CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION WORKING TOGETHER WITH NUISANCE ABATEMENT TEAMS

Code enforcement may conjure up images of fences that are too high or junk in a neighbor's yard, but what about children living in filth with their hoarder mother, dogs locked in a cage with no water, or an elderly veteran living in a trailer on vacant land without income? All of these are real code enforcement stories.

The Code Enforcement Section provides County agencies with support in the investigation and prosecution of zoning and building code violations occurring in the unincorporated portions of the County including the Antelope Valley. Among their many functions, Investigators (DAIs) offer security and investigative assistance to code enforcement inspectors and Nuisance Abatement Teams (NATs) when they visit properties in the more dangerous urban areas and isolated rural parts of the Antelope Valley. The NATs are made up of building, zoning, property rehab, and health inspectors who, as a group, inspect the more problematic and dangerous properties involving multiple violations. Often they are joined by Animal Care and Control, Fire, and Children and Family Services. The NATs have proven to be a very effective means to improve the quality of

life for the residents of these neighborhoods, and the DAIs serve as an essential part of that process.

The stories mentioned above about dogs locked in a cage and the elderly veteran were separate occurrences in the Antelope Valley. When the NAT discovered the neglected dogs at a property they were inspecting, they immediately provided the dogs with water and Animal Care and Control was readily available to assist in the rescue of the dogs. The violator was prosecuted for various county code violations. In the case of the elderly veteran, he was prosecuted for squatting on another's property, but through the efforts of the prosecutor and DAIs, the veteran found a nearby home to reside in and was also able to recover his veteran benefits. His case was later dismissed.

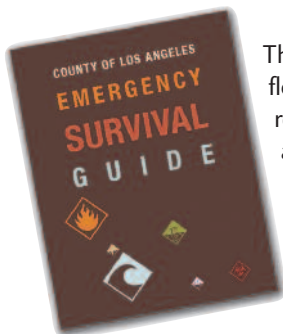
The Code Enforcement Section and NATs indeed make a difference to the communities they serve. Properties with serious or multiple code violations, can be reported by calling **(661) 524-2390** or faxing the complaint to **(661) 524-2399**.



KEEP ANTELOPE VALLEY GRAFFITI FREE!

To report graffiti and request its removal, call **(800) 675-HELP**. A graffiti removal request may also be submitted online at: <http://ladpw.org/itd/dispatch/publicgraffiti>.

HAVE A PLAN, KEEP SUPPLIES, STAY INFORMED, AND GET INVOLVED WITH THE LA COUNTY EMERGENCY SURVIVAL GUIDE



The LA County Emergency Survival Guide provides helpful tips and information for residents to prepare for fires, floods, earthquakes, pandemic flu, terrorism, extreme weather, and tsunamis. Also included are pages where residents can record their household emergency plans including contacts lists and evacuation gathering points; and checklists for gathering emergency supplies that will help families, individuals, and their pets survive and recover after a major disaster. A Spanish language version of the Guide has also been produced.

Download your copy of the Emergency Survival Guide today at www.lacoa.org.

Be Prepared in an Earthquake or Other Disaster!

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's "Just Be Ready: Prepare Together!" campaign has tips on emergency preparedness in 12 languages to make sure the message gets out to the County's diverse community. Educational materials and ready-to-use planning tools are available at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eprp/media/index.htm>.

You can also call the multilingual Public Health Emergency Planning hotline at **(866) 999-LABT (5228)** for more information.





Community Resources & Services



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Lancaster Animal Shelter

5210 W. Avenue I • Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 940-4191

<http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>

www.facebook.com/CountyofLosAngelesAnimalCare

Follow the the Department on Twitter at:

www.twitter.com/LACoAnimalCare

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed holidays.

LANCASTER ANIMAL SHELTER CONSTRUCTION

The Lancaster Animal Shelter has undergone various improvement projects that enhance and expand the housing capabilities of the shelter. Among the additions is a new horse barn that was generously donated by the Animal Care Foundation. The barn has an additional eight stalls, as well as a tack room and a wash area.

Other improvements include a new cat building, dog kennel, and spay and neuter clinic funded by the County's Capital Project program. The new 3,200 square foot dog kennel will house an additional 80 dogs and the new 900 square foot cat building will have the capacity to house an additional 150 cats.

For more information about these projects or for animal care and control information in general, call (661) 940-4191 or visit the shelter at 5210 W. Avenue I.



Los Angeles County Arts Commission's Civic Art Program: Lancaster Animal Shelter

Community members helped create the artwork for the renovated Lancaster Animal Shelter, due to be dedicated later in 2011. Pasadena

artist Jose Antonio Aguirre instructed community members in making the mosaics in a series of three workshops in summer 2010. The mosaics will adorn the exterior of several buildings on the campus. Aguirre was commissioned by the LA County Arts Commission's Civic Art Program to design the artwork, inspired by former shelter animals that have had successful adoptions. For more information visit www.lacountyarts.org



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY



With a FREE County Public Library card, you can have access to a variety of helpful services from your own computer. Access full-text magazines, newspapers, and premium research tools with information about business, health and medical issues, genealogy, car repair, and much more. To access these resources go to www.colapublib.org, click on "Research and Learning" at the top of the page, select the resource you want, and enter your library card number.

GET FREE TUTORING WITH YOUR COUNTY LIBRARY CARD!

Live Homework Help is the County Library's free online homework assistance program. It is available at all County libraries or from any computer with an Internet connection. Students from kindergarten through college can get help online from expert tutors in math, English, social studies, and science daily from 1:00 p.m. to midnight. Tutors are also available to assist with GED preparation, and career services such as resume review, job searching, and interview preparation.

Log on to www.librarytutor.org and use your County Library card to begin your session. No service on New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Acton Agua Dulce Library (New!)

33792 Crown Valley Road • Acton, CA 93510

Mathew Rose, Community Library Manager

(661) 269-7101

www.colapublib.org/libraries/acton

This 10,874 square-foot library opened on September 29, 2010 and features reading and storytelling areas, meeting/study group rooms, a homework center, computer stations, and more.

Hours:

Mondays & Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

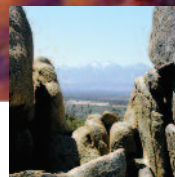
Fridays & Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: CLOSED

Events:

- **Basic Computer Class**
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
(Pre-registration is required)
- **Preschool Storytime**
Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
- **Wii Wednesday for Families**
1st Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lake Los Angeles Library

16921 East Avenue O, Suite #A • Palmdale, CA 93591

Mary MacTaggart, Community Library Manager

(661) 264-0593

www.colapublib.org/libs/lakelosangeles

Hours:

Mondays & Tuesdays:	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday:	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sundays:	CLOSED

Events:

- **Family Reading Festivals**
May (Spring) and November (Fall)
- **Lake L.A. Anime & Manga Club (Teens)**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**
Tuesdays in 6-week sessions at 10:30 a.m.
- **Toddler Storytime**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Littlerock Library

35119 80th St. East • Littlerock, CA 93543

Trisha Pritchard, Community Library Manager

(661) 944-4138

www.colapublib.org/libs/littlerock

Hours:

Mondays & Tuesdays:	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday:	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sundays:	CLOSED

Events:

- **Book Club (Adults)**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- **Game Day** Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
- **Storytime** Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Write Is Might: A Writing Club for Teens and Adults**
4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.



Quartz Hill Library

42018 N. 50th Street West • Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Victoria Vallejos, Community Library Manager

(661) 943-2454

www.colapublib.org/libs/quartzhill

Hours:

Mondays:	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays:	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays & Fridays:	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sundays:	CLOSED

Events:

- **Family Art Activities and Games**
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- **Family Storytime**
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- **Toddler Storytime**
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Lancaster Library

601 W. Lancaster Blvd. • Lancaster, CA 93534

Judy Hist, Community Library Manager

(661) 948-5029

www.colapublib.org/libs/lancaster

Hours:

Mondays:	CLOSED
Tuesday - Thursday:	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays:	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sundays:	CLOSED

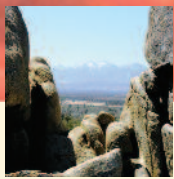
Events:

- **Anime Club (Teens)**
4th Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
- **Pajama Storytime(Up to 2nd grade)**
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Pre-registration is required.)
- **Preschool Storytime**
Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. (Pre-registration is required.)
- **Reading Club (Adults)**
3rd Thursday of month at 5:30 p.m.
- **Toddler Storytime**
Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Please call your local library for more events and information.

ANTELOPE VALLEY BOOKMOBILE

This 33-foot long "library on wheels" provides service to rural areas of the Antelope Valley. For hours and locations of bookmobile stops, call **(661) 948-8270** or visit www.colapublib.org/libs/antelopevalley.



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ANTELOPE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

777 West Jackman Street • Lancaster, CA 93534

(661) 726-4400 • Fax: (661) 940-7947

<http://css.lacounty.gov/antelope-valley-senior-center.aspx>

Hours:

Monday - Friday : 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Senior Center's slogan is "Your Home Away From Home". The aim of the Senior Center is not only to provide seniors with educational and informative forums and fun things to do, but to also have seniors feel just as comfortable as if they were in their own homes; safe and secure.

Activities include various art, quilting, crochet and knitting classes, exercise classes, dance groups, and computer and photography clubs. In addition, Friendship Bingo occurs Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Nutrition Bingo on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

For more information regarding the Center and activities, call **(661) 726-4400**, or if you visit the Center, please stop by the office and ask for the Center's Newsletter with a listing of the month's activities.



LA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC)

County Loan Programs Help Businesses Grow and Prosper

LA County CDC offers loans for large or small, commercial or industrial businesses which assist companies with their expansion and promote economic development. CDC's programs include the County Business Loan Program, County Expansion Loan Program, County Utility Loan Program, County Technology Loan Program, County Float Loan Program, and Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. Depending on the program, business loans are available for real estate/property acquisition, construction, machinery/equipment, working capital, inventory, water delivery systems, and seismic upgrades. For more information, call **(877) 232-5615** or visit www.lacdc.org.

Single-Family Grant Program

This CDC program helps low-income qualified individuals or families who own a single-family home or mobile home within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County with electrical, plumbing, heating, and roofing repairs, and elimination of code violations. For more information, please call **(323) 890-7239** or visit <http://www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/HDP/HomeImprove ment.aspx>.



County Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

The County is offering eviction prevention and temporary rental assistance to at-risk households and individuals who would otherwise become homeless. Funds are also available to rapidly re-house persons who have recently become homeless because of the national economic downturn.

To check if you qualify for assistance, call **2-1-1** or go to <http://housing.lacounty.gov> for a pre-screening tool and more information.



Helpful Services and Benefits Website!

www.LACountyHelps.org provides a safe, secure, confidential way for County residents to research and see if they are potentially eligible for a variety of helpful services and benefits such as Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, Food Stamps, affordable housing, child care, mental health programs, and more.

Antelope Valley Hospital Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

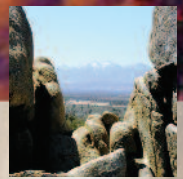
The Antelope Valley Hospital uses CDBG funding to provide home visitation to at-risk families, during pregnancy or beginning at birth, to gain the parenting and life skills needed to create and sustain healthy homes where children can thrive. For more information, call **(661) 726-6456**.

Antelope Valley Hospital

38350 40th St. East, #210 • Palmdale, CA 93552

Phone: **(661) 726-6456**

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**LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
ph.lacounty.gov



Protect Your Family from Whooping Cough

If you live with an infant make sure you have been vaccinated!

Those who live with or care for an infant need to make sure they have received recommended vaccinations against whooping cough, or pertussis, to prevent themselves from inadvertently infecting the infant. Infants under 1 year of age are at highest risk for developing severe, even fatal complications. Four infants in LA County died from pertussis in 2010 and there were more pertussis cases reported in California in 2010 than in any other year since 1947.

Pertussis is spread by the coughing of an infected individual. Typical symptoms in young children include fits of intense coughing, often accompanied by a whooping sound, and post-cough vomiting. Very young infants can have minimal respiratory symptoms but be very ill. Complications include pneumonia and seizures. Among older children and adults, the primary symptom may be a cough that lasts for several weeks or longer. If you suspect that you or a loved one may have pertussis, contact your doctor right away.

For information on obtaining the recommended vaccinations, contact your regular health care provider. County residents without a regular doctor or insurance coverage for vaccines may dial 2-1-1, or visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip for referrals to providers and community sites that offer immunizations for free or at a reduced charge.

ATTENTION SHOPPERS

Carryout plastic bags will be history in your stores.

When: Beginning July 1, 2011
Where: Unincorporated
Los Angeles County
Why: To protect the environment and
help keep our communities clean

Bring your reusable bags every time you shop to
avoid a \$0.10 cent charge for paper bags.

For more information, visit:
www.aboutthebag.com
call 1(888) CleanLA



Be plastic bag free and help keep Los Angeles County clean!

Ordinance Number: 2010-0059 § 1, 2010

Safe Summer Fun

Summer is a great time for dads, moms, and kids to incorporate healthy habits into their lifestyles.

Exercise

Childhood obesity is a serious crisis for LA County, and children who eat too much junk food and who do not get enough physical activity are at risk of serious problems, such as asthma, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, liver problems, low self-esteem, depression, and breathing problems during sleep.

Living a healthy lifestyle can truly be a family-friendly activity. For resources and strength-training exercises for families, go to www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/physact.

Please consult your health care provider **before** beginning any vigorous exercise program.

Avoid Heat-Related Illness

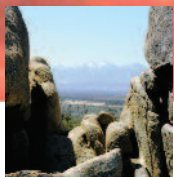
While enjoying outdoor activities during the summer months, remember to take proper precautions. Hot temperatures and poor air-quality days can lead to an increased risk for heat-related illness, such as heat stroke, cramps, and exhaustion, and even chronic lung conditions.

To avoid heat-related illness, remember to:

- Drink more fluids, but not those that contain caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave any person or pet in a closed, parked vehicle.

Cooling Centers: Infants, the elderly, and people with mental or physical illnesses are at a greater risk for heat-related illness. Check regularly on them and make sure they stay in air-conditioned locations, if possible. During the hottest summer days certain locations are designated as Cooling Centers. For a list, go to www.publichealth.lacounty.gov, and click on "Cooling Centers" in the center of the page under the section "Injury, Violence & Safety".

For more seasonal safety information, including tips on drowning prevention, heat-related illness, sun safety, and proper helmet use, go to www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ivpp/SeasonalSafety/seasonalsafetyHome.htm.



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ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY



The L.A. County Department of Public Works (DPW) recently completed several road improvement projects at various locations in the Antelope Valley including installation of traffic signals and intersection improvements for 50th Street West at Avenue M-8 and 87th Street East at Avenue T; traffic signal upgrades at 90th Street East and Avenue S; and pavement reconstruction on 70th Street West from Avenue A to Avenue B. DPW maintains over 1,025 miles of major roads and local streets in the unincorporated Antelope Valley and provides a full range of road services, including street sweeping, pothole patching, and tree trimming. To request services, please call **(661) 947-7173** or visit <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/Resident/> and fill out a request online.

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD PROJECT LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	TENTATIVE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
Sierra Hwy (between State Route 14 and Pearblossom Hwy)	Roadway Reconstruction and Re-alignment	Start: Spring 2011
90th Street East at Ave R and Ave S	Intersection Improvements and Traffic Signal Installation	Start: Spring 2011
Valyermo Rd (Over Pallett Creek)	Bridge barrier rail replacement	Start: Spring 2011
30th Street East at Rancho Vista (Ave P)	Traffic Signal Installation	Start: Fall 2011
Avenue N (45th St West to 30th St West)	Resurfacing	Start: Winter 2012
Elizabeth Lake Rd (2453' W of Munz Ranch Rd to 2095' E of Bouquet Canyon Rd)	Pavement Preservation	Start: Winter 2012
Angeles Forest Hwy (Sierra Hwy to 200' S of UPRR Bridge No. 1114) Crown Valley Rd (Sierra Hwy to Antelope Woods Rd)	Resurfacing/ Reconstruction	Start: Spring 2012
Peace Valley Rd (Fraizer Mountain Park Rd to 1800' S of Fraizer Mountain Park Rd; 4600' S of Quail Lake Rd to Muller Ave; and 310' N of Gorman School Rd to Gorman School Rd) Gorman Post Rd (785' W of Lancaster Rd to Lancaster Rd) Pico Canyon Rd (The Old Road to BW/G S FY 1845) The Old Road (Weldon Canyon Rd to Stevenson Ranch Pkwy)	Resurfacing/ Reconstruction	Start: Spring 2012
Avenue I (1800' E of 40th St East to 90th St East) Avenue G (50th St East to 90th St East)	Pavement Preservation	Start: Summer 2012
Avenue J (Over Little Rock Creek)	Widen and Reconstruct New Bridge	Start: Fall 2012

For more information on these projects, please call **(626) 458-3910**.

Road Closures:

Get information about road closures and estimated reopening dates for affected roads within the unincorporated Antelope Valley at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/roadclosures>.

Suggested Pedestrian Route to School:

Download suggested pedestrian walking maps to your child's school to verify safety conditions at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/tnl/schoolroute>.



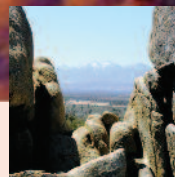
AV One-Stop Permit Office Grand Reopening on July 11, 2011

In order to enhance customer service and response in the permitting process, the County has made renovations and improvements to the Antelope Valley One-Stop Office located at 335A East Avenue K-6 in Lancaster. The new layout will help residents and businesses in the Antelope Valley who

wish to build new structures or make improvements to existing ones, find the appropriate permitting and plan check information for the LA County Departments of Public Works, Regional Planning, Fire, and Public Health. Come to the grand reopening ceremony at the AV One-Stop on July 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call **(661) 524-2390**.



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QUARTZ HILL DRAIN AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The County is beginning a major storm drain and road improvement project in Quartz Hill to address drainage and flooding issues. Quartz Hill has a long history of flooding during even small storms, and rainfalls as small as a few tenths-of-an-inch have caused major inconvenience to residents. Moreover, streets that are constantly battered by mud, debris, and runoff are in continuous need of maintenance and repair.



The \$12 million project will consist of a storm drain constructed along 50th St. West with several lateral drains connecting into the mainline between Avenue M-8 and Avenue K. Following the construction, 50th St. West will be repaved. Project plans are currently underway, with construction expected to begin in early 2012. The project is estimated to take at least one year to build.

For information, contact the LA County Department of Public Works at **(626) 458-4316**.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST CULVERT IMPROVEMENT & CLEANOUT PROJECT WINS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD

The LA County Department of Public Works (DPW) received a 2010 "Best Improvement for Public Safety" award from the American Public Works Association– High Desert Branch for the Angeles National Forest Culvert Improvement and Cleanout Project. The 2009 Station Fire was the largest fire recorded in the history of Los Angeles County, burning more than 160,000 acres within the Angeles National Forest and leaving the area susceptible to mud and debris flows during rainstorms.

LA County DPW maintains several mountain roads within the Angeles National Forest burn area including Angeles Forest Highway and Big Tujunga Canyon Road, which average a combined 5,325 vehicle trips per day. In order to protect the public and keep these roads operational through the storm season, DPW removed approximately 42,000 cubic yards of mud and debris and approximately 1,000 burned trees from the culvert inlet areas. They also installed 98 metal rail/post trash racks and 37 corrugated metal standpipes ranging from 12" to 72" in diameter.

Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC)

1200 West City Ranch Road • Palmdale, CA 93551

(888) CLEAN-LA
www.CleanLA.com

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month

The AVECC provides a safe, efficient, and convenient place for residents to drop off household hazardous and electronic waste for free. Bring your unwanted paints, used motor oil, household chemicals, garden care products, medical needles, expired medications, TVs, computers, and cell phones. The AVECC does not accept large appliances (e.g., refrigerators, stoves), old tires, hazardous waste from businesses, and radioactive waste.

As part of the County's Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management Program, free State-approved sharps containers are available at the AVECC and the Antelope Valley Health Center in Lancaster. These sites also serve as a collection point for the residents to safely and properly dispose of their sharps waste, such as medical needles, syringes and lancets.

County Recycling Services for Businesses

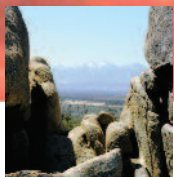
The **Smart Business Recycling Program** is designed to help businesses reduce the amount of trash they generate and throw away. This program assists business owners and managers by offering free on-site waste evaluations with recommendations on how to enhance solid waste management and possibly reduce waste disposal costs as well.

Businesses can request a **FREE** evaluation and obtain other solid waste and recycling information by visiting www.businessrecycling.com.



LACoMAX is another free service provided by the LA County Department of Public Works. LACoMAX helps conserve landfill space by helping businesses, organizations, and institutions find alternatives to the disposal of valuable materials which are presently discarded as waste.

Users can browse or post listings of a wide variety of available and wanted materials such as wood pallets, out-of-fashion textiles, and chemicals, as well as more uncommon items. The listings contain contact information, allowing exchanges to be coordinated between the two interested parties. To find out more about this program visit, www.lacomax.com.



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DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING (DRP)



Live Web Broadcast of the Planning Commission Public Hearings

DRP recently launched the Live Web Broadcast, which allows you to monitor from home all Regional Planning Commission and Hearing Officer public hearings held in downtown Los Angeles.

Visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/video> for a complete listing of all upcoming and archived broadcasts.

Z-NET Find your zoning

Z-NET: Find Your Zoning

DRP's interactive Z-NET application has a simple mapping interface that provides information regarding zoning, land use, and other relevant information by entering an address or Assessor's Parcel Number. This application can also be used to determine whether a property is within an unincorporated area or within a city. Visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/znet> to access Z-NET.

Planning Your Future through TOWN & COUNTRY

Have you wondered what the development pattern will look like in the Antelope Valley twenty years from now? Are you curious about what you can do with your property in the future? DRP has spent the last several years working with community residents and stakeholders to update the Antelope Valley Area Plan. This update process called "TOWN & COUNTRY" addresses rural preservation, open space conservation, ecosystem maintenance, natural resource management, and hazards mitigation.



A Preliminary Draft Area Plan was released in February 2011 and DRP will prepare an Environmental Impact Report to assess the implications of implementing the proposed Area Plan. There will be formal public comment periods throughout the process to ensure that residents and stakeholders have the opportunity to engage in this assessment.

For more information, visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc>. To be added to the contact list, please e-mail tnc@planning.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-6476.



LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Be Aware of New Credit Card Laws to Protect Consumers

Several important credit card laws are now in effect as of August 22, 2010 as part of the Federal Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act. These new laws offer you more protection when it comes to fees and interest rate increases.

Here is a summary of five key parts of the law:

1. **Smaller late fees** – Your credit card company cannot charge you a late fee of more than \$25 or the cost of your minimum payment, whichever is lower. (Exception: If one of your last six payments was late, the company can charge you \$35 or more in some unusual cases.)
2. **No inactivity fees** – Your credit card company cannot charge you a fee for inactivity, such as not using your card or closing your account.

3. **One mistake = one fee** – Your credit card company can only charge you one fee for each bad transaction. (Example: If you pay late once, the bank cannot add extra fees on top of the late fee.)
4. **Tell you why the interest rate went up** – If your credit card company raises your Annual Percentage Rate (APR), they must tell you why.
5. **Reconsideration of raised APR** – If your credit card company raises your APR, they must reevaluate your rate after six months. If appropriate, they then must lower your rate within 45 days.

Other new rules which went into effect last year and earlier this year as part of the CARD Act can be found at <http://dca.lacounty.gov/law10CreditCards.html>.

If you have questions or concerns about your credit or any other consumer-related needs, call (800) 593-8222 or visit <http://dca.lacounty.gov>.

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LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS)

CalFresh Food Assistance Program Encourages Families to Eat Healthier



DPSS encourages eligible residents to take advantage of the federally-funded Food Stamp program — now called CalFresh. DPSS has been aggressive in its outreach, enlisting the help of national civil rights activist Dolores C. Huerta for a new public service announcement, and through the strategic deployment of the Health and Nutritional Mobile Office which travels to non-traditional locations throughout the County providing information about CalFresh and other benefits, and providing assistance with applications for benefits.

CalFresh benefits allow families to shop at a variety of grocery stores and farmers' markets where they have easy access to healthier food for the entire family. The benefits also allow qualifying participants to purchase prepared meals at certified restaurants in Los Angeles County. "Now more than ever — to prevent hunger due to the current state of the economy — it's our goal to increase the number of eligible Los Angeles County residents who receive this assistance," DPSS Director Philip L. Browning said.

For more information on CalFresh benefits, call **(877) 597-4777**.

Low-to-Moderate Wage Earners can Reduce Taxes and Increase Refund

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a federal tax credit, could help low-to-moderate wage earners lower their tax liabilities and increase the amount of their tax refund.

Some families and individuals may be entitled to the EITC even if they made less than the filing threshold and are not required to file for an income tax return because of low income. If you are a low-to-moderate wage earner with a valid Social Security number, be sure to file your income tax return to claim this and other tax credits. EITC may be claimed retroactively for up to three years.

For more information about the EITC or filing an income tax return, visit www.greaterlaeitc.org, or call **2-1-1**.

LA County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (AC/WM)



Lancaster Office

335 East Avenue K-10, Suite 101

Lancaster, 93535

Main Number: **(661) 974-8801**

Weed Abatement: **(661) 974-8803**

Weights & Measures: **(661) 974-8807**

<http://acwm.lacounty.gov>

AC/WM's many programs include the early detection, exclusion, and eradication of dangerous, invasive insect and plant pests; enforcement of laws and regulations regarding safe pesticide use; clearance of weeds, brush, and debris from vacant land; and the inspection and verification of accuracy of

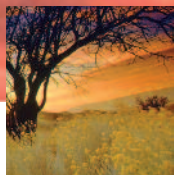
scales, meters, price scanners, and quantity labeling on packaged goods. These programs protect the marketplace from unfair competition and a loss of confidence, consumers from fraud and increased food prices, the environment from increased pesticide application and pesticide mishandling, and the agricultural industry from increased costs for pest control.



Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD)

Since July 1, 1997 the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) has had jurisdiction of air quality issues and regulations for the northern portion of Los Angeles County from Acton north to the County line.

For more information on the AVAQMD, call **(661) 723-8070** or visit www.avaqmd.ca.gov where you can find air quality reports, permitting information, and real-time air quality data.



2011 Antelope Valley At-A-Glance Directory

2-1-1 LA County Information2-1-1
www.211LA.org or (800) 339-6993

Abandoned Vehicles2-1-1
planning.lacounty.gov/zoneViolation.htm

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures
<http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>

Bee Complaints(800) 233-9279
Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints(800) 665-2900
Plant Disease Information(562) 940-7236
Scanner Overcharge Complaints(800) 665-2900
Utility Meter (gas, water, electric);(800) 665-2900
Food Scale (markets, delis, etc.); and
Packaged Goods (short weight, count,
measure, etc.) Inspection and Complaints
Weed and Brush Abatement/Removal(661) 974-8801

Air Quality Concerns(661) 723-8070
Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District

Animal Care and Control
animalcare.lacounty.gov
Lancaster Shelter (Main Hotline)(661) 940-4191
(Licensing, emergencies, spay/neuter clinic, lost pets)

Arts Commission, LA County(213) 202-5858
www.lacountyarts.org

Board of Supervisors
<http://bos.co.la.ca.us>
Board Meetings, agendas, recordings, and transcripts
5th District Antelope Valley Field Office(661) 726-3600

Building Permits (Residential/Business)(661) 524-2390
<http://ladpw.org/bsd/permitinfo>

Business License (unincorporated)(661) 723-4492
or (213) 974-2011
http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/Business_License.htm

Children Services
Child Abuse Hotline (24-Hour)(800) 540-4000
<http://lacdcfs.org>
Child Care Hotline (CalWORKs)(877) CHILD-99
www.ladpss.org/dpss/child_care
Child/Spousal Support(866) 901-3216
cssd.lacounty.gov

Code Enforcement (To report violations)....(661) 723-4476
planning.lacounty.gov/zoneViolation.htm or 2-1-1

Consumer Affairs (Main Hotline)(800) 593-8222
dca.lacounty.gov
Lancaster Library(661) 726-7550
(Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

LA County Operator

(To call out-of-area code County Departments
and Agencies toll free)
(661) 272-0964

Courthouse, Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley
www.lasuperiorcourt.org/Locations/Antelope.aspx
42011 4th Street West.....(661) 974-7200
Lancaster, CA 93534

Domestic Violence Hotline(800) 978-3600
<http://da.lacounty.gov/domv.htm>

Employment
County of Los Angeles Job Hotline(800) 970-5478
<http://dhr.lacounty.info>
WorkSource (for job seekers/employers)(888) 226-6300
www.worksourcecalifornia.com
Antelope Valley One-Stop Career Center(661) 726-4128
www.av.worksource.ca.gov

Environmental Health
lapublichealth.org/eh
24-Hour Hotline(888) 700-9995
Food Inspections(661) 723-4533
Housing Inspections(818) 902-4470
Insect/Vector Control Program(626) 430-5450

Fire Department - Emergencies 9-1-1
fire.lacounty.gov
Non-Emergency Information(661) 948-2631
Fire Prevention Office(661) 949-6319
Lancaster City Hall Office(661) 723-6000

Freeway Roadside Service (from cell phones only)3-9-9

Garbage/Waste Collection
Waste Management, Inc.(661) 947-7197
www.wm.com

Gardening Workshopswww.smartgardening.com

Graffiti Removal Hotline(800) 675-4357
<http://ladpw.org/go/graffiti>

Hospitals/Health Centers
www.ladhs.org
Antelope Valley Health Center(661) 723-4511
Antelope Valley Hospital (non-County)(661) 949-5000
High Desert Health System.....(661) 948-8581
Lake Los Angeles Community Clinic(661) 945-8488
Littlerock Community Clinic(661) 945-8508
South Antelope Valley Health Center(661) 948-8581



Illegal Dumping Hotline(888) 838-6746
<http://ladpw.org/epd/illdump>

Juror Services(213) 974-5811
www.lasuperiorcourt.org/jury

Libraries

www.colapublib.org
Acton Agua Dulce Library(661) 269-7101
Antelope Valley Bookmobile(661) 948-8270
Lake Los Angeles Library(661) 264-0593
Lancaster Regional Library(661) 948-5029
Littlerock Library(661) 944-4138
Quartz Hill Library.....(661) 943-2454

LA County Public Information Office(213) 974-1311
www.lacounty.gov

Littlerock Dam & Recreational Area

www.littlerockdam.com
32700 Cheseboro Road(661) 533-1923
Palmdale, CA 93552

Mental Health Hotline(800) 854-7771
dmh.lacounty.gov

Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT)(661) 524-2390
(For multiple code violations)

Ombudsman(800) 801-0030
ombudsman.lacounty.info

Parks (Local)

parks.lacounty.gov
Acton Park (North Agency Line)(661) 294-3500
Apollo Park(661) 940-7701
Everett Martin Park (Information)(661) 944-2880
George Lane Park.....(661) 722-7780
Jackie Robinson Park(661) 944-2880
Pearblossom Park(661) 944-2988
Stephen Sorensen Park(661) 264-1249

Property Taxes

<http://lacountypropertytax.com>
Recorded Information - 24 hrs(888) 807-2111
Assessor – Lancaster Office(661) 940-6700
assessor.lacounty.gov

Public Social Services

dpss.lacounty.gov
Lancaster Main Office(661) 723-4021
Lancaster General Relief Sub-Office(661) 974-8993

Public Works

ladpw.org
Building and Safety (AV Office).....(661) 524-2390
<http://ladpw.org/bsd>
Road Maintenance(661) 947-7173
Sewer Maintenance(661) 942-6042
Traffic and Lighting Maintenance.....(800) 675-4357

Public Works (continued)

Waterworks(661) 942-1157
Other Public Works Emergencies.....(800) 675-4357
Request for Serviceladpw.org/General/DPWrequest

Recycling Programs

Household Hazardous Waste(888) CLEAN-LA
<http://ladpw.org/epd/hhw>
Residential Recycling(888) CLEAN-LA
<http://ladpw.org/epd/Recycling>
Smart Business Recycling(888) CLEAN-LA
www.businessrecycling.com

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk(800) 815-2666
www.lavote.net

Lancaster District Office(661) 945-6446
(Voter information, marriage licenses, birth/death records,
real estate recording, notary oaths)
Voter Registration(800) 481-VOTE

Safe Surrender Hotline(877) BABY-SAFE
<http://babysafela.org> (877) 222-9723

Senior Services

ladcss.org
Antelope Valley Senior Center(661) 726-4400
Adult Protective Services(877) 477-3646
Elder Abuse Hotline(877) 477-3646
Nursing Home/Assisted Living(800) 330-5993

Sheriff Stations

lasd.org
Lancaster Station(661) 948-8466
Palmdale Station(661) 272-2400

Traffic Enforcement/Investigation (California Highway Patrol)
chp.ca.gov(661) 948-8541

Transportation

Access Paratransit Info(800) 827-0829
www.asila.org
Antelope Valley Transit Authority(661) 945-9445
www.avta.com
Dial-A-Ride(661) 945-9445
www.avta.com
Metrolink(800) 371-LINK
www.metrolinktrains.com

Utilities

Southern California Edison(800) 655-4555
www.sce.com
Southern California Gas Company.....(800) 427-2200
www.socalgas.com

Victim-Witness Assistance Program(213) 974-7499
<http://da.lacounty.gov/vwap>

Zoning Information (Regional Planning)

Lancaster Field Office(661) 723-4475
<http://planning.lacounty.gov>

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

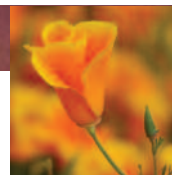
Keep Antelope Valley Beautiful

Site Clean-up Program for Antelope Valley

The Desert Site Clean-up Program, sponsored by Waste Management, was designed for public safety and land beautification projects in the open desert and desert trails. Through this program, the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force selects two to four site clean-up projects annually across the Antelope Valley.

The Task Force is seeking applications for site nominations as well as applications from volunteer groups seeking to participate in a desert clean up event. Student and community volunteer organizations are welcome to participate in the Desert Cleanup events. If you have a specific site for clean-up in mind, you can submit it through an online submittal process. Applications to nominate a site for a clean-up project can be found at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/illdump/SiteCleanUp.cfm>.

Please visit www.stopillegaldumping.com and click on the link to the "Site Clean-Up Program" for more information, or call (661) 223-3422.



Since 1996, the **Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force** is dedicated to keeping the Antelope Valley beautiful by preventing illegal dumping through education and convenient disposal programs.

The Task Force meets at 3:00 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month at Fire Station No. 129 in the Training Center, 42110 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534. New members are always welcome!

Take advantage of resources and events where unincorporated Antelope Valley residents can dispose of trash through several County-sponsored events.

- **FREE Dump Day:** County residents can drop off up to one ton of trash, free of charge, at the Waste Management Landfill and Recycling Facility (600 E. Avenue F, Lancaster). Free Dump Days are held twice a year, in April and October. Visit www.CleanLA.com for exact dates and time.
- **Waste Tire Collection Events:** Old tires can be recycled at free Waste Tire Collection Events to be recycled into playground fill and crumb rubber. These events are conducted in partnership with the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and are held twice a year, in April and October. Visit www.CleanLA.com for exact dates, times, and locations.
- **On-Going FREE Services Provided by Waste Management:** The following services are also available year-round at the Waste Management Landfill and Recycling Center (600 E. Avenue F, Lancaster): **Free Bulky Item Drop-off:** County residents can drop off one bulky item per year, such as a sofa or table, free of charge, and **Free Waste Tire Drop-off:** County residents can drop-off up to four waste tires per year, free of charge.
- **FREE Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC):** Drop off unwanted Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (1200 West City Ranch Road, Palmdale). See page 23 for more information.

Remember, stopping illegal dumping starts with you! Encourage proper disposal methods, or get involved with the AV Illegal Dumping Task Force today! To learn more about how you can combat illegal dumping, please call (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652) or visit www.CleanLA.com.